Copies attached & taken in "Best Evidence" file

Dear Paul, Bob

1/27/83

At the time Lifton's book appeared I told you that his theory was impossible and that he knew it was impossible. To establish to my own satisfaction that he knew exactly what he was up to, and for the historical record, I duplicated some of his FOIA request. I believe I told you this and that it included the JDM records pertaining to the honor guard. Due to here again, working on the files again, and as a result I was able to make copies of a few of the records for you, enclosed.

He also knew all about his second helicopter, as these records show. It was for the honor detail. This chopper flew the detail to Bethesda where it received the remains it had helped guard at Andrews.

Please note the references to the AF "cordon," which indicates a good guard, and to the fact that it was impossible for there to have been any off-side hanky-panky without the honor guard having seen it because they were on the plane and they were on the plane until after the casket was off it, with their help.

If this hadn't happened, McHugh ordered this detail to "clear the area," and that also precluded any off-side hanky-panky without their participation. (How vast a conspiracy are you willing to consider? One that includes the entire Fort Myers honor guard in addition to Lifton's legion?)

These are but one record and part of another. There also is a log, etc., but my point is to show you what Lifton knew and ignored. If he hadn't he'd have not had any book at all. He'd be back with his outdated papier mache trees and the secret Crown of Kent translation of Dealey Plaza!

There is much more of which he knew, much that told him his theory was impossible, as there was what he didn't know, perhaps, that his hospital back-gate was securely closed and locked.

As you know, the FBI arranges for it to be almost at best to identify what it ships. For this and other reasons I've not had a list of what I've gotten by file subject. I'll have at least an incomplete index when Lee leaves in a day.

Best wishes,